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July State surplus auction to include 42-passenger buses

LANSING – Six 42-passenger public transit buses will be among more than 150 items offered for sale at the Department of Management and Budget vehicle and equipment auction Saturday, July 14, at 731 N. Canal, Lansing. Prospective buyers may examine auction items Friday, July 13, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The auction begins at 10 a.m.

The buses, which have been retired from Lansing's Capital Area Transit Authority (CATA) fleet, are all in good condition, said Kevin Lancto, manager of State Surplus. Some of the buses also can accommodate wheelchairs.

"This is the first time CATA has used State Surplus auction services to sell the buses," he said.

The auction bid list also includes a variety of sedans, vans, pickup trucks and a dump truck. A snow plow, generator, concrete saw and utility trailer are among the equipment items offered for bid.

The bid list can be viewed at www.michigan.gov/surplus. Select "State Surplus Auction" link at the left to access the link to the July 14, 2007 auction link. Items continue to be added to the list until the day of the auction.

Bidders must attend the event, and payment is expected at the time of purchase. Cash, MasterCard, Visa, Discover, American Express or checks made payable to the State of Michigan will be accepted. Buyers must remove purchases by Tuesday, July 17, at 3 p.m.

More information about the auction is available by calling (517) 335-8816.

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